

Senate File 558

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1 Amend Senate File 558, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 21, after line 1 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION ____

5 DRIFTLESS AREA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

6 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 161D.14 **Driftless area development**
7 **and conservation authority — membership and duties.**

8 1. A driftless area development and conservation authority
9 is created. The counties of Allamakee, Clayton, Dubuque,
10 Delaware, Fayette, Jackson, and Winneshiek are entitled to
11 one voting member each on the authority, but membership or
12 participation in projects of the authority is not required.
13 Each member of the authority shall be appointed by the
14 respective board of supervisors for a term to be determined by
15 each board of supervisors, but the term shall not be for less
16 than one year. An appointee shall serve without compensation,
17 but an appointee may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred
18 while performing the duties of the authority as determined by
19 each board of supervisors. The authority shall meet, organize,
20 and adopt rules of procedures as deemed necessary to carry out
21 its duties. The authority may appoint working committees that
22 include other individuals in addition to voting members.

23 2. The mission of the authority is to develop and
24 coordinate plans for projects related to the unique natural
25 resources, rural development, and infrastructure problems and
26 opportunities in the driftless region of northeast Iowa.

27 3. The authority shall cooperate with the department of
28 natural resources, the division of soil conservation and water
29 quality created within the department of agriculture and land
30 stewardship pursuant to section 159A.5, the affected soil
31 and water conservation districts, any watershed management
32 authorities established within the authority's jurisdiction,
33 the Mississippi river parkway commission, and the state
34 department of transportation in carrying out the authority's
35 mission and duties. The authority shall also cooperate

1 with appropriate federal agencies, including the United
2 States environmental protection agency, the United States
3 department of the interior, and the United States department
4 of agriculture natural resources conservation service. The
5 authority shall make use of technical resources available
6 through member counties and cooperating agencies.

7 4. The authority shall administer the driftless area
8 development and conservation fund created under section
9 161D.15 and shall deposit and expend moneys in the fund for the
10 planning, development, and implementation of development and
11 conservation activities or measures in the member counties.

12 5. This section is not intended to affect the authority
13 of the department of natural resources in its acquisition,
14 development, and management of public lands within the counties
15 represented by the authority.

16 6. In matters relating to the conservation, preservation,
17 or development of the driftless area, state agencies shall
18 coordinate, cooperate, and consult with the driftless area
19 development and conservation authority and its associated
20 alliances.

21 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 161D.15 **Driftless area development**
22 **and conservation fund.**

23 A driftless area development and conservation fund is
24 created in the state treasury, to be administered by the
25 driftless area development and conservation authority. The
26 moneys in the fund are appropriated to the authority for the
27 purposes specified in section 161D.14 as applicable. The
28 driftless area development and conservation authority may
29 accept gifts, bequests, other moneys including but not limited
30 to state or federal moneys, and in-kind contributions for
31 deposit in the fund. The gifts, grants, bequests from public
32 and private sources, state and federal moneys, and other moneys
33 received by the authority shall be deposited in the fund and
34 notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, any interest
35 earned on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund

1 to be used for the purposes specified in section 161D.14.
2 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unencumbered or unobligated
3 moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year
4 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure by
5 the authority in succeeding fiscal years.>
6 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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